



Author Spotlight Anne Tyler

Anne Tyler was born on October 25, 1941 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. She graduated at nineteen from Duke University and completed graduate work in Russian studies at Columbia University. Her first novel, *If Morning Ever Comes*, was published in 1964. Her short stories have been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Redbook*, *McCall's*, and *Harper's*.

Tyler is one of America's finest and most talented contemporary writers, adept at creating vivid, memorable characters with whom her readers can easily identify. She addresses issues and describes situations common to everyone.

Her eleventh novel, *Breathing Lessons*, received the Pulitzer Prize in 1989 and *The Accidental Tourist*, has been filmed for the big screen. The 1988 film starred William Hurt, Kathleen Turner, and Geena Davis. Three of Tyler's works - *Breathing Lessons*, *Saint Maybe*, and *Back When We Were Grownups* - have been adapted for television presentations on the Hallmark Hall of Fame.

In 1963, Tyler married Iranian psychiatrist/novelist Taghi Mohammad Modarressi with whom she had two daughters, Tezh and Mitra. Modarressi died in 1997. Tyler resides in Baltimore, Maryland.

Books by Anne Tyler

- If Morning Ever Comes, 1964
- The Tin Can Tree, 1965
- A Slipping-Down Life, 1970
- The Clock Winder, 1972
- Celestial Navigation, 1974
- Searching for Caleb, 1975
- Earthly Possessions, 1977
- Morgan's Passing, 1980
- Dinner at Homesick Restaurant, 1982
- The Accidental Tourist, 1985 - National Book Critics' Award
- Breathing Lessons, 1988 - Pulitzer Prize
- Saint Maybe, 1991
- Tumble Tower, 1993 – Children's Book
- Ladder of Years, 1996
- A Patchwork Planet, 1998
- Back When We Were Grownups, 2001
- The Amateur Marriage, 2003



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